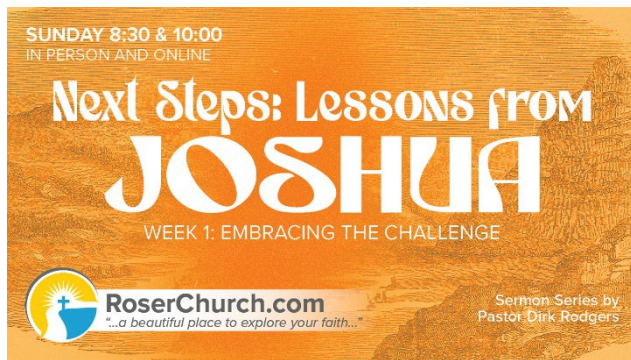




Today's Topic:

Embracing the Challenge

Joshua 1:1-9

April 12, 2026

1. _____ the _____

“After the death of Moses the servant of the LORD, the LORD said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide: ‘Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.’” Joshua 1:1-2 (NIV, 2011)

2. _____ the _____

*“I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.”
Joshua 1:3-4 (NIV, 2011)*

3. _____ and _____

*“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.”
Joshua 1:9 (NIV, 2011)*

The Point

Next Steps:

Discussion Questions

1. Describe a time when you were called to do a job you were not sure you could handle. How did you feel? How did you adjust to the challenge?
2. Read Joshua 1:1-2. God had been preparing Joshua for some time for this leadership position. How might you have felt if you were in Joshua’s position.
3. Read Joshua 1:3-4. Why was God so intent on having His people in this land?
4. Read Joshua 1:5-9. How many times do the words “strong and courageous” appear in these verses? Why would God repeat these commands so emphatically?
5. How can we remain “strong and courageous” as we engage in God’s work to gather His people?